



# Connecting Communities

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A Campaign for  
the Down Syndrome  
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## The Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan Foundation (DSAWMF) strives to create communities that embrace Down syndrome, empower individuals, and promote opportunities for meaningful lives.

DSAWMF was established to provide endowed funds to forever support the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM). The Foundation also provides funding to other nonprofit organizations that serve individuals and families living with Down syndrome in West Michigan. DSAWMF is a separate not-for-profit organization from DSAWM.

### Our Values

- ♥ Empowerment
- ♥ Service
- ♥ Healthy Lifestyle
- ♥ Inclusion
- ♥ Continuous Improvement



# 2,500+

In 2019 alone, we've seen nearly 2,500 people attend or participate in one of our programs or events.

As the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan has grown, specifically over the last few years, we have an increased need for expansion. We are serving more members than ever before, and all of our programs are running at capacity including many with waiting lists.

In the past year alone, we welcomed forty-nine new member families and saw nearly 2,500 people attend or participate in one of our programs or events. **Our service area includes twelve counties, yet we have the resources to create life-changing programs in only three.**

### Moving to the Special Olympics Building will allow the DSAWM to connect more members by:

- Increasing programming & events
- Having full access to:
  - a 700-person auditorium
  - the Fitness Center
- Creating a permanent home for bike camp
- Connecting with even more members

## Our Campaign Budget

A \$850,000 capital campaign that will continue to support individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and communities across 12 West Michigan counties.



## How You Can Help Us Connect Communities.

You can help us achieve this important goal by supporting this campaign through:

- A one-time cash gift
- A multiple year pledge commitment (may be paid over a three-year period)
- A gift of appreciated assets (e.g., stock)
- An estate gift

To make a gift, visit [dsawmfoundation.org/connecting-communities](https://dsawmfoundation.org/connecting-communities)

Your charitable gift is tax deductible to the full extent of state and federal law. Please check with your tax advisor to determine how your gift may affect your personal tax situation.

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